

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 9, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Betsy Bradshaw, Art Trainor, Mary Jo Trainor, Keith Callison (Cal Fire)

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Steve introduced Battalion Chief Keith Callison from Cal Fire who is our liaison with Cal Fire.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to approve the minutes of the March meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the treasury account has \$32,423.97 and the checking account has \$12,396.31.

Cheri informed the Board that she received the VFA grant application, which she will deliver to Tod.

BUDGET

Peggy informed the Board that Budget Chair Sharron Halvorson has had difficulty getting the correct forms from the County. Cheri mentioned she has had similar problems in the past. Sharron was told they didn't have the forms, was given incorrect contact information and finally was able to go on line and get the appropriate forms. Peggy will write a letter to County Administrator Danny Jordon, complaining about the poor service and misinformation we received in attempting to meet a state mandated deadline.

Given that the budget must be publicly sun shined for 30 days prior to the Board finally adopting it, Peggy proposed that we adopt it at our June 11th meeting, which would still give Sharron time to file it with the state by the June 30th deadline. Unless there is public comment that would necessitate the Board revising its tentative approval from the March meeting, the budget will be approved as is.

TRAINING AND BOARD MEETING TIMES

Due to having to postpone the start of training because 9 volunteers were taking the very demanding First Responder class, and the training being moved to Friday nights (per the

request of most of the volunteers) the start time of 6 pm conflicts with two Board meeting dates. Peggy suggested that the Board meet from 5:30 to 6:30 on those two nights. The Board agreed to do so. Steve will check with the volunteers to see if having training on those two nights from 6:30-8:30 will work for them. Peggy will inform the Board of the final decision. The dates this time shift will occur will be May 7th and June 11th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that Keith Cummings would teach the S-190 course and the S-130 course. The S-190 course will begin on Friday, April 16th at 6 pm. Since Cal Fire has graciously agreed to teach the courses, thus certifying all those who successfully complete them, Steve will be free to work more one on one with the engineers.

Steve has been unsuccessful in finding someone to build the hose bed. Highway Products has not provided him with a bid. He will give them one more week and then seek bids elsewhere. Steve will look into Peggy's suggestion of getting a patent on the design.

We had one vehicle accident since the last meeting.

Steve announced that Dave Lipking has been appointed (and has accepted) the position of Assistant Fire Chief for Hilt. Dave will also serve in that position for Colestin until Steve can formally appoint an Assistant. He has a qualified person in mind and will meet with that person within the week. He is taking the Board's suggestion that the position be an interim position for 3 to 6 months to see if both parties are happy with the arrangement.

Steve thanked Karen Dwyer and Cheri Avgeris for working on the medical equipment for both Hilt and Colestin.

44-41 is now with Assistant Chief Dave Lipking in Hilt.

Steve informed the Board that the water tender failed its bleed down test. The air compressor is failing and the cost will be about \$700 to get a new one. Steve will replace it this weekend. The Board agreed that the reason we have reserves is to deal with safety emergencies and this is certainly one.

Steve also reported that he expects four to six new volunteers this season and they will need to be outfitted. It costs about \$1,500 to outfit a new volunteer. Steve will wait until they have completed part of the training before purchasing new outfits and this is something Tod will put into the grant application. They tend to fund safety equipment and this certainly qualifies.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, May 7th at the Hilt Church. Time will be confirmed. Tod will be out of the state and not able to attend.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore